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SUBJECT: ANTI-APARTHEID CONFERENCE: ORGANIZATION, SCHEDULE AND SYMBOLS

1. UN INFORMATION CENTER IN LAGOS ON AUGUST 16 ISSUED PRESS RELEASE WITH UPDATED INFORMATION ON AUGUST 22-26 CONFERENCE. RELEVANT SECTION NOTED BELOW.

2. ORGANIZATION:

ACCORDING TO PROPOSALS MADE BY THE WORKING GROUP OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID, WHICH HAVE BEEN APPROVED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE, THE CONFERENCE WILL HAVE SEVEN VICE-PRESIDENTS, TO BE DESIGNATED FROM SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ASIAN STATES, AFRICAN STATES, EASTERN EUROPEAN STATES, WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHER STATES AND THE LATIN AMERICAN STATES, AS WELL AS THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION OF THE CONFERENCE AND THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID.

THE LATTER TWO WILL SERVE IN AN EX OFFICIO CAPACITY. THE

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OFFICERS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL COME FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE. IN ADDITION, THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY (OAU), THE PRESIDING OFFICERS OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 24 ON DECOLONIZATION AND THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA, ALONG WITH THE LEADERS OF THE TWO SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, WILL BE INVITED TO ATTEND MEETINGS OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE.

THE STEERING COMMITTEE WILL DRAFT THE DECLARATION OF THE CONFERENCE.

OFFICERS OF THE COMMISSION, ACCORDING TO THE PROPOSALS APPROVED BY THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID WILL INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES OF GOVERNMENTS AND OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS TRADE UNION, CHURCH GROUPS, ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENTS AND SOLIDARITY MOVEMENTS. THE COMMISSION WILL CONSIDER ALL PROPOSALS BY GOVERNMENTS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR FURTHER ACTION AGAINST APARTHEID. ITS REPORT WILL BE ANNEXED TO THE REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE.

3. SCHEDULE:

ACCORDING TO THE PRESENT PLANS, THE FOLLOWING INVITED GUESTS WILL SPEAK DURING THE OPENING MEETINGS OF THE CONFERENCE:

MONDAY MORNING, 22 AUGUST.

THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS, KURT WALDHEIM.

THE HEAD OF STATE OF NIGERIA, LT. GEN. OLUSEGUN OBASANJO.

OTHER WADS OF STATE AND GOVERNMENT.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU AND THE

CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE.

OLOF PALME, VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL,

AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER OF SWEDEN.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO SOUTH AFRICAN LIBERATION

MOVEMENTS, THE AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS OF SOUTH

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AFRICA (ANC) AND THE PAN AFRICANIST CONGRESS OF AZANIA (PAC).

MONDAY AFTERNOON, 22 AUGUST,

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS EDUCATIONAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL ORGANIZATION (UNESCO), AMADOU MAHTAR M'BOW.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OAU, WILLIAM ETEKI MBOUMOUA.

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL LABOUR ORGANIZATION (ILO), FRANCIS BLANCHARD.

THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION (WHO), DR. HALFDAN MAHLER.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE.

THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES, SADRUDDIN AGA KHAN.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 24 ON DECOLONIZATION, SALIM AHMED SALIM (UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA).

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THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR
NAMIBIA, MISS GWENDOLINE KONIE (ZAMBIA).
THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS, NICOLAS
GUILLEN, CUBAN POET,
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE SOUTH WEST AFRICA PEOPLE'S
ORGANIZATION (SWAPO).
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PATRIOTIC FRONT OF ZIMBABWE.
TUESDAY MORNING. 23 AUGUST.
THE PRIME MINISTER OF NORWAY, ODVAR NORDLI.
THE REV. CANON L. JOHN COLLINS, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL
DEFENCE AND AID FUND FOR SOUTHERN AFRICA.
SEAN MACBRIDE, FORMER UNITED NATIONS COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA,
AND NOBEL LAUREATE.

OTHER SPEAKERS

IN VIEW OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS IN THE CONFERENCE
AND THE LIMITED TIME AVAILABLE FOR STATEMENTS, THE SPECIAL
COMMITTEE AGAINST APARTHEID HAS DECIDED THAT STATEMENTS
IN THE PLENARY MEETINGS SHOULD BE LIMITED TO REPRESENTATIVES
OF GOVERNMENTS, PREFERABLY SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF GROUPS
OF COUNTRIES, AND TO A SMALL NUMBER OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL
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SPOKESMEN, TO BE CHOSEN ON THE BASIS OF CONSULTATIONS.
STATEMENTS ARE TO BE LIMITED TO 10 MINUTES.

4. NAMIBIA DAY:

ALL OR PART OF THE MORNING MEETING OF THE FINAL DAY OF THE CONFERENCE, FRIDAY, 26 AUGUST, WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE OBSERVANCE OF NAMIBIA DAY. THE AFTERNOON MEETING THAT DAY WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE ADOPTION OF THE DECLARATION AND THE CONCLUSION OF THE CONFERENCE.

SPEAKERS ON THE OBSERVANCE OF NAMIBIA DAY, ACCORDING TO PRESENT PLANS WILL INCLUDE:

THE PRIME MINISTER OF GUYANA, L. FORBES BURNHAM.

OLAVI MARTIKAINEN, MINISTER OF SOCIAL AFFAIRS & HEALTH OF FINLAND.

THRE REPRESENTATIVE OF SWAPO.

THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED NATIONS COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF 24 ON DECOLONIZATION.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE.

A REPRESENTATIVE OF NIGERIA.

5. FYI: PUBLICITY POSTERS PRODUCED BY THE SECRETARIAT TO SYMBOLIZE THE CONFERENCE HAVE BEGUN APPEARING IN LAGOS AND THE THEME IS STARK BLACK-WHITE CONFRONTATION IN LURID TONES. IN ONE CASE, A WHITE BULLY TERRORIZING SMALL AFRICAN FIGURES IS BEING PULLED OFF HIS VICTIMS BY A STONG, BLACK HERO. IN ANOTHER, WHITE SOLDIERS ARE PORTRAYED MASSACRING UNARMED BLACKS BENEATH A JEFFERSONIAN CATION ABOUT THE TREE OF LIBERTY BEING WATERED BY THE BLOOD OF PATRIOTS. PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE SOWETO SHOOTINGS ARE ALSO FEATURED. END FYI.
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